

Statewide Outdoor Water Use Schedule

The Board of Natural Resources has adopted Rules for Outdoor Water Use, Chapter 391-3-30. Under the rules, Georgians are required to follow schedules for outdoor water use during both non-drought periods and during periods of declared drought. The rules are consistent with Section 4 (Drought Responses) of the Georgia Drought Management Plan, adopted in 2003.

This kind of staggered outdoor water use has been shown to be an effective water demand management tool. Managing water demand is particularly important in regions experiencing rapid population growth, such as in Georgia and especially Metro Atlanta. This water conservation initiative will help preserve a precious natural resource, help to protect an increasingly fragile aquatic environment, and increase water supply opportunities for future generations.

Current conditions warrant the non-drought schedule for outdoor water use statewide, but should conditions worsen, EPD will require that you immediately take action to manage outdoor water use appropriate to the level of declared drought in your area.

The non-drought schedule is as follows:

• Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays (no hourly limits)

• Even-numbered and unnumbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (no hourly limits)

Please adjust your irrigation timers and watering habits to follow these mandatory rules for outdoor watering. Thank you for your help in conserving and protecting our most valuable resource.

For more information or questions regarding these regulations please call Tim Marshall, Environmental Compliance Coordinator at Marietta Water 770-794-5229. You may also visit the website <http://www.georgiadrought.org/> for current drought information, FAQ, and other related articles and information.